

2023 Botanical Garden Dedication

Heading up the Social Committee, Sandy Warmuth had a hard-working crew setting up for the Botanical Garden Dedication two hours prior to the start of the event at 3:00 on October 20. Table cloths and autumn themed décor graced the new tables in the recently redone Beardsley Courtyard.

When Jolene Plashowski went to pick up the vegetable trays, they were unacceptable! She refused to purchase them, but she made a trip to the grocery store and headed to her home. She then spent the next 90 minutes cutting up broccoli, cauliflower, and carrots to create very professionally looking trays of food.

Speaking of the food, the Statz Insurance Agency picked up the tab for all of the refreshments. Many attendees stopped at her table for information on Medicare supplement plans and several received gifts of calendars, pens, or fly swatters sporting the Statz logo.

Local radio station, KSCW, set up a sound system to provide music as well as a PA system for the dedication speeches.

The first speaker was Pat Wanta, primary designer of the garden. She gave a shout out to many people who had a hand in the creation of the garden, but she made a special acknowledgement of Diana Peppin. Diana spent many hours on her hands and knees installing numerous irrigation drip lines and emitters to all of the plants.

Jim Consolloy was next to take the stage. As a trained botanist, he was integral in picking the huge variety of cacti, as well as trees purchased to provide some shade from the hot Arizona sun. He gave a brief history noting the process of asking numerous SCWRC committees for permission to create the Botanical Garden just two years ago.

As a finale, three dish gardens were handed out. The first one was given to one of the people who successfully answered at least five of the trivia questions created by Julia Miller about the Botanical Garden. The other two went to people whose tickets were drawn.

